

BOOK REVIEW

Operative Gynecology. By Harry Sturgeon Crossen. 699 pages, 834 illustrations. St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company. 1920.

This book, already well known to those interested in this field of surgery, now appears in its second edition, enlarged and revised. Few, even those conversant with the literature of the subject, have probably realized the number and variety of operative processes suggested for gynecological conditions until they looked over a work like the present one, which speaks not only for the industry of the author, but likewise for his sagacity and broad grasp of this field of surgery. We know of no other work of such magnitude. It is both a work of reference and a handbook of practice.

Operative procedures have been carefully classified in relation to the anatomical structures involved; this is especially true of those for prolapse of the uterus and bladder, and retrodisplacement of the uterus. Particular attention has also been given to the consideration of the choice of operative procedures with reference to the pathological condition present; this is one of the most noteworthy and commendable features of the work. Detailed analysis of the merits of operative procedures has been fully developed; their indications and limitations carefully explained; and the technical steps fully described. The range of subjects covered in this volume includes about the whole province of operative gynecology, including chapters on certain fundamental disturbances, post-operative handling, and medico-legal questions. The book abounds with numerous good and well selected illustrations, very clearly illustrating the various steps in the various operations.

A. J. L.

Tuberculosis and How to Combat It. By F. M. Pottenger. 273 pages. St. Louis: Mosby Company. 1921.

The above book is a very comprehensive presentation of the whole subject of tuberculosis from the patient's point of view. It answers in understandable language the numerous questions which the patient is constantly asking his medical adviser. The author devotes several chapters to the incidence and etiology of tuberculosis and then explains to the patient the various symptoms and method of treatment. He lays particular stress upon the necessity of a rational co-operation between patient and doctor if results are to be obtained, explaining the pathology of the disease and the reasons for methods advised in language which convinces but does not frighten the patient.

The author's views on marriage of tuberculous patients are commendable because, "No matter whether they should or should not, some of them will." He, therefore, proceeds to explain under what conditions a tuberculous patient may marry, the disadvantage, but in certain cases the advantage.

Pottenger's book is one of the best popular versions of tuberculosis of the many already published and may be recommended to all patients afflicted with this disease. At the same time, the medical man will find its perusal very much worth his while.

W. C. V.

Principles of Medical Treatment. By Geo. Cheever Shattuck. 5th ed. Boston: W. M. Leonard. 1921.

It is a pleasure to note the appearance of this common-sense volume. One is usually prepared to find a book of this sort resembling most others on the same subject. Ordinarily, they are of a type and consist mostly of therapeutic orthodoxy.

This one, however, differs, and is a satisfactory compendium brought very thoroughly up to date. Naturally, in a volume of this size, the subject matter must of necessity be more sketchy and suggestive than complete in its discussions. Nevertheless the most important facts are all there in brief form, and the author is to be congratulated on having completed a difficult task. The chapter on medication boils down in comparatively few pages the really useful drugs in medicine, and is of really more service to the practicing physician than a pharmacopoea.

H. I. W.

DEATHS

Beebe, Charles E. Died in Woodland, Calif., December 20, 1921. Was a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Tenn., 1885; also Willamette Univ., Oregon. Licensed in California, 1889. Was a member of the Medical Society State of California.

Griffin, Jesse Ansley. Died in Huntington Beach, Calif., December 16, 1921. Was a graduate of the Baltimore Medical College, Md., 1906. Licensed in California, 1921.

Hawkes, W. J. Died in Los Angeles, December 29, 1921. Was a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College, Pa., 1867. Licensed in California, 1898.

Keating, John J. Died in San Francisco, October 31, 1921. Was a graduate of the Barnes Medical College, St. Louis, Mo., 1901. Licensed in California, 1901.

Nicholson, A. R. Died in Fresno, Calif., December 24, 1921. Was a graduate of University of Michigan, 1879. Licensed in California, 1895. Was a member of the Medical Society State of California.

Shuey, Sarah I. Died in Oakland, November 23, 1921. Was a graduate of University of California, 1878. Licensed in California, 1879. Was a member of the Medical Society State of California.

Thorwick, Martha G. (di Giannini). Died in San Francisco, November 16, 1921. Was a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, Ill. Licensed in California, 1901.

Wright, Henry Eugene. Died in Sacramento, Calif., November 25, 1921. Was a graduate of the University of California, 1894. Licensed in California, 1894.

Dr. Annie L. Miller died on December 29, 1921, at her home in Oakland. Dr. Miller was ninety-four years old. She graduated from the Homeopathic Medical College of Cleveland, Ohio, February 26, 1869, and was licensed in California on October 19, 1882. She was a member of the Alameda County Medical Society and the California State Society.

Boone, Reunette E. Died in Santa Rosa, Calif., December 11, 1921. Was a graduate from the Medical College, Syracuse University, New York, 1881. Licensed in California, 1895, and 76 years old.

Bray, Nicholas. Died November 22, 1921, in Glendale, Cal. Was a graduate of State University, Iowa, 1885. Licensed in California, October, 1920. Age 66.

McSwegan, Daniel. Died in San Diego, December 2, 1921. Was a graduate of the Medical College of the Pacific, Calif., 1878. Licensed in California, 1878.

Streichan, Paul Herman. Died in Honolulu, T. H., recently. Age 34. Was a graduate of Stanford University Medical School, San Francisco, 1920. Licensed in California, August, 1920.